



ALLIANCE FOR HOUSING

**Alliance for Housing
General Membership Meeting Minutes
7.12.2023**

Scribe: Julia Steinberg

Attendees: Leah McCall, Audrey White, Holly Gauthier, Ashley Cuniberti, Julia Steinberg (Alliance for Housing), Gisele Wallace, Taylor Eberhart, Jessica Keenan, Genny Bull, Dana Paglia-King, Sarah Muhich, Shawna Reynolds (CHN), Melissa Preville, Steve O'Donnell (Oakland County Neighborhood & Housing Development), Princess Staples, Rhi McGarry (Lighthouse), Chaka McDonald (OCHN), Katherine Kondek (Lakeshore Legal Aid), Rebecca Tallarigo (MDHHS), Angela Cucullo (Kensington Church), Holly Douglas (Oakland Schools), Jennifer Lucarelli (Oakland University), Keith Buford (Greenwood District Equity), Barbara Burke (St. Vincent de Paul), Kathleen English (Habitat for Humanity of MI), Liz Lucas (OLHSA), Monisha Scott (VAMC), Pamela Harmon (CNS Healthcare), Russ Russell (Russell Communications Group), Benjamin Ogden (SOCH), Tara Irwin (JFS)

Approval of March Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve: Holly Douglas; second: Stephen O'Donnell. Unanimous approval.

New Business

- Vote New Board Members:
 - Jeff Cook, replaces Melissa from Honor Community Health
 - Dayna Swindell Replaces Ernestine from HAVEN
 - Detective Sam James from Oakland County Sheriff
 - Motion to accept all: Taylor Eberhard; second: Barbara Burke. Unanimous approval.
- Shelter Diversion Training
 - The Alliance is hosting a Shelter Diversion Training in partnership with PNC and facilitated by the Cleveland Mediation Center.
 - The 2-day training will be July 24 & 25 from 9AM – 5PM at OCHN. Registration info will be sent out on the listserv and is open for 20 more slots.
- Web Based App Update
 - Partnering with Reciprocity to create an option for individuals to get housing resources online and community-wide intake.
 - Beginning phase one with contracts signed and funding secured.



- We are inviting agencies and individuals with lived experience to take part in meetings to provide feedback for the phase one process.
- Prevention Funds Updates Presented by Gisele Wallace (CHN) and Rhi McGarry (Lighthouse)
 - 2 newer funding sources (different from ESG) with higher AMI (50-80%): Oakland County CDBG CV and MSHDA HPP.
 - Screening individuals for eligibility through the HRC and adding to the new Prevention & HSS registry.
 - HRC contact info: 248-269-1335 - call or text "housing"; email hrc@chninc.net; webform: <https://communityhousingnetwork.org/get-help/>
- Housing Navigation Program (NHP) Update Presented by Taylor Eberhart (CHN) and Princess Staples (Lighthouse)
 - 2-year program funded through MSHDA HOME ARP; grant split between CHN and Lighthouse to prioritize first time HP HCV voucher holders that don't already have a case manager working with them to receive housing navigation to improve voucher utilization rate. There is no financial assistance with this program.
- Medical Vulnerability Level (MVL) Pilot
 - MDHHS looking for 5 CoCs to participate in pilot for MVL.
 - People experiencing homelessness have a higher rate of in-patient and ER visits.
 - Looking to use HMIS and medical database of medicaid recipients to develop MVL score.
 - Goal is to use MVL for prioritization for housing.
 - Application for CoCs to apply is due July 31 and will include \$10,000 for staffing/expenses.
 - Coc's are to draft a policy for use of MVL in prioritization process, provide data reports and feedback.
 - Group expressed interest in applying for the opportunity and discussed how the community could integrate and utilize the MVL.
- FY23 HUD NOFO
 - NOFO has been released for agencies seeking renewal funding as well as opportunities for agencies seeking new bonus dollars.
 - The timeline was sent out on the Alliance listserv and is also posted on the Alliance website: oaklandhomeless.org.

Committee and Workgroup Reports

- Alliance Committee Summary Reports – Group reviewed.



- Landlord Engagement Workgroup is planning a Landlord Lunch & Learn event to encourage landlord participation that will be held in person in September.
- The next Regional Housing Partnership (RHP) meeting will be August 1st 9am-12pm for anyone interested in attending to participate in the development of a Regional Housing Plan for MSHDA.
- Chronic Numbers & Veteran Numbers presented by Holly Gauthier
 - January 1 - June 29, 2023:
 - Total Disposition Referrals: 294 (180 active).
 - 72 chronic, 51 non-chronic 12+ months, 171 other.
 - HMIS Breakdown: 240 housed
 - 61 in Permanent Supportive Housing, 110 in Rapid Re- Housing, 16 HCV, and 23 Other - Self Resolved.
 - Veteran BNL Breakdown: 29 total referrals (22 active).
 - 11 housed, 9 deactivated.
- Veteran Updates Presented by Monisha Scott
 - New calendar year has 3 new housing goals:
 - House at least 38,000
 - Engage with at least 28,000 unsheltered Veterans; decrease the number of unsheltered Veterans counted in the 2024 Point-in-Time Count by 15%
 - Decrease Veterans returning to homelessness to no more than 5% and house returning Vets immediately
 - Veteran Benefit Administration Officer stationed at VCRRC is postponed until further notice.
 - VA PACT Act expands VA care & benefits for Veterans exposed to toxic substances:
 - <https://news.va.gov/121480/pact-act-events-summer-vetfest/>
 - Next two PACT ACT events in Wayne and Sanilac County.
 1. PACT Act Benefits Fair – Sandusky, MI VFW Post #2945
850 S. Sandusky Road Sandusky, MI 48471 Tuesday, July 18, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET
 2. PACT Act Claims Clinic Dearborn Vet Center 19855 Outer Drive, Suite 105W Dearborn, MI 48124 Thursday, July 27, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.
 - Suicide Prevention Training for CoC Members held virtually quarterly.
 - Contact: Bethany Piccinato, Bethany.Piccinato@va.gov to register.



- Veterans Comprehensive Prevention, Access to Care and Treatment (COMPACT) Act of 2020 requires VHA to directly furnish, pay for, or reimburse for emergent suicide care (to include associated transportation cost) at VA and non-VA facilities for eligible individuals in acute suicide crisis.
- Secretary of State Mobile Unit Event
 - Monday, July 31, 10am-3pm; VA Medical Center Room B1290
 - Flyer and document checklist will be sent out on the Alliance listserv.
- PATH Team- Outreach Calendars.
 - Updated monthly on website:
<https://www.oaklandhomeless.org/path-street-outreach-calendar>.
- CHN Funding Update
 - CHN ESG RRH program has rental assistance funds but low on security deposit funds at this time.

Adjournment

Next Meeting: November 1, 2023

Location: Virtual